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SUBJECT: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI: IRAQI ACTIVITIES IN
SYRIA

1. RIFAI WHO VISITED SYRIAN LAST WEEK TOLD ME THAT
JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA INFORMED HIM THAT THERE
HAD BEEN IN ADDITION TO AZAWI EXPLOSION PUBLICLY
REPORTED, A BOMB EXPLOSION IN ASAD'S HOUSE AND ALSO
THE HOUSE OF HIS BROTHER, RIFAT ASAD. RIFAI CONSIDERS
AMBASSADOR A RELIABLE SOURCE.

2. HE ADDED THAT IN ADDITION THERE HAD BEEN A
"MACHINE GUN" BATTLE OUTSIDE OF TOWN BETWEEN SYRIAN
FORCES AND AN IRAQI GROUP. SYRIANS AFTER THE FIGHT HAD CAPTURED
MAPS AND PLANS OF HOUSES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WHICH
WERE PRESUMABLY SLATED FOR ATTACK.

3. WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT MEANS OF CONFIRMING
OR DENYING REPORT BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
WHAT DAMASCUS MAY KNOW OR HEAR ABOUT ABOVE.
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